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SUBJ: SIAD SPEAKS OUT ON DIPLOMATIC JOCKEYING: ONE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT MARCH 21 SPEECH (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED)
MADE BY PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE TO SOMALI'S FESTAC TROUPE,
AS CARRIED BY SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY MARCH 23. ANALYSIS
FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

2. QUOTE: IT SEEMS THESE DAYS THAT SOMALIA IS "FAT LAMB"
TETHERED FOR SALE. LISTENING TO FOREIGN NEWS MEDIA, ONE HEARS THEIR
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FALSE ANALYSIS THAT SOMALIA IS APT TO REJOIN CAPITALIST CAMP,
BREAKING RANKS WITH SOCIALIST STATES. INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM
IS BEATING WAR DRUMS IN EASTERN HORN OF AFRICA, VIOLATING OUR HUMAN
DIGNITY AND SOVEREIGNTY. IT IS THUS IMPERATIVE THAT WE
CLARIFY OUR POSITION AND UNVEIL THE REALITY. NO PEOPLE ARE
BETTER PLACED THAN YOU TO BE TOLD THIS SINCE YOU ARE THE
PROPAGATORS OF SOMALI CULTURE AND ARTS.

3. TRUTH IS THAT WE ARE AN ARAB PEOPLE, AFRICAN PEOPLE, AN INDEPENDENT PEOPLE, A SOCIALIST SOCIETY. WE ARE NATIONAL RESPONSIBLE ENOUGH TO APPREHEND ITS OBLIGATION TOWARDS WORLD. WE ARE NATION THAT HAS NEVER ACCEPTED TO LCK BOOTS OF OTHERS. WE ARE NATION THAT PREFERS HUNGER WITH HONOUR TO PROSPERITY WITH SERVITUDE.

4. AT INCEPTION OF REVOLUTION, WE HAVE CHARTED OUT CLEAR-CUT POLICY TAILORED TO INTERESTS OF OUR PEOPLE AND FUTURE ASPIRATION OF OUR NATION. WE HAVE NEVER SIDE-TRACKED FROM OUR DEFINED POLICY OF ACTIVE NEUTRALITY. BY ACTIVE NEUTRALITY WE MEAN SUPPORT FOR HUMAN JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND LIBERTY AND OPPOSE ANYTHING AGAINST THIS.

5. SOMALIA AND ABYSSINIA HAVE DISPUTE OVER TERRITORY AND PEOPLE. SOCIALIST STATES ARE FULLY SUPPORTING ABYSSINIANS SO THAT ABYSSIANS MIGHT STEP TO PROGRESSIVE SPHERE AND LIBERATE HERSELF FROM FEUDALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM. WE HAIL THIS, FOR TO DO OTHERWISE WE ARE GOING INJUSTICE TO OUR SOUND PRINCIPLES WHICH GUIDE US.

6. WE ARE AWARE THAT ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE WERE LIVING IN STATE OF SERVITUDE; THEY WERE SUBJUGATED AND EXPLOITED. WE APPRECIATE ANY EFFORTS THEY MADE IN RELIEVING THEM FROM BURDEN AND WE COMMEND ANYBODY AIDING THEM IN THIS RESPECT. BUT THEN? SHALL WE SACRIFICE OUR INTERESTS BECAUSE OF THIS? NO. WE SHALL NOT.

7. OUR PEOPLE HAVE SUFFERED LONG. AND ALL WE WANT OF
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ABYSSINIANS IS THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS NOT PROPER, AND WE CANNOT ACCEPT, FOR THEM TO CONTINUE, UNDER BANNER OF SOCIALISM, TO SUBJUGATE SOMALI PEOPLE. THAT WE CAN'T ACCEPT.

8. WE HAVE TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN IDEOLOGY AND NATIONAL INTEREST. WE WANT INDEPENDENCE FOR OUR PEOPLE. WE REQUEST ABYSSINIAN GOVERNMENT AND THOSE AIDING THEM, INCLUDING OURSELVES, TO MAKE ABYSSINIANS UNDERSTAND THAT FOR US THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REGIMES OF HAILE SALESSIE AND THAT OF MANGISTU HAILE MARIAM, INsofar AS BOTH REMAIN COLONIZING OUR PEOPLE.

9. THEY CAN ONLY DIFFER TO US WHEN HAILE MARIAM RECOGNIZED VALUE OF FREEDOM AND UGLINESS OF SERVITUDE; WHEN HE DISCONTINUES COLONIAL POLICIES OF HAILE SALASSIE REGIME.

10. RUMOURS ARE BEING PROPAGATED BY IMPERIALISTS THAT SOMALIA AND SOVIET UNION ARE DRIFTING APART. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY BASELESS AND UNTRUE. WE ARE BOUND TOGETHER BY COMMON BELIEF IN HUMAN JUSTICE, LIBERTY AND EQUALITY. THESE REUMOURS

BEING CIRCULATED BY REACTIONARIES AND IMPERIALISTS OUTRIGHT MISJUDGEMENT. SOMALIA NOW IS IN POSITION TO KNOW WHERE HER INTERESTS LIE. SOVIETS ARE OUR TRUE FRIENDS AND HAVE OFFERED MUCH SUPPORT IN FIELDS OF EDUCATION, ECONOMY, TECHNOLOGY, AND HAVE CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO OUR STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION, AND THAT SOMALIA WILL MOVE AWAY FROM SOVIET UNION IS UNTRUE.

11. INTERNATIONALISM IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT NATIONALISM, FOR WITHOUT EXISTENCE OF SOMALI NATIONALISM WE CAN BE OF NO USE TO INTERNATIONALISM.

12. BUT SHORT-SIGHTED PEOPLE ARE INCAPABLE OF RECOGNIZING THIS FACT. INTERNATIONALISM DOES NOT SWALLOW NATIONALISM, BUT ON OTHER HAND IT STRENGTHENS. INTERNATIONALISM CAN HAVE SENSE WHEN EACH AND EVERY NATION FULLY DEVELOPS ITS ECONOMY, EDUCATION, ETC. UNQUOTE.

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